FALL 2026 SMALL GROUPS

Broomfield United Methodist Church

Fall is a great time to get involved in a Small Group at Broomfield UMC. We offer a wide variety of Small Groups. Whatever your interests and schedule, there is a group for you. Small Groups offer the opportunity to learn, make friends, build community, and grow in your faith. Check out all the options and contact the group leader or Thomas Cross (thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) to get connected!

***New!* Bible Foundations.** Are you looking for a group where you can start studying the Bible and explore its rich themes? Would you like to understand the ministry and teachings of Jesus? When you can understand the Bible's context and themes, reading the Bible becomes transformative, and you'll never be the same, because the Bible is God's love letter to us. If you're ready to get started, join Terri Vacik for her new Bible Study Group, Bible Foundations. The primary focus will be the Gospels, starting with Matthew, but first, Terri will introduce you to the foundational message of Genesis 1, which is important to understand when reading the Gospels. If you're looking for a Bible-focused Small Group, Bible Foundations is for you. Terri is currently studying Hebrew, so she will include references to the Psalms and other Hebrew Bible passages when relevant. Join Terri on Monday mornings for this exciting Bible study which will help you understand God's nature and what it means to follow Jesus. Bible Foundations will meet every Monday at 10am in Room 201 starting September 14. All you need to bring is your Bible and all adults are welcome! For more information or to register, contact Terri at tlvacik@gmail.com.

Breakfast Club: Parent's Edition. Why should the kids have all the fun?! While your kid is hanging out with friends at Breakfast Club, come hang out with us! Breakfast Club: Parent's Edition is an informal Sunday morning group for parents of preteens and teens looking to connect spiritually and build community, with discussions centering around faith, family, and real life. Starts Sunday, September 20 at 10:15 a.m. Contact Melissa Forbes at mforbes79@gmail.com for more information or to register, or drop in any Sunday!

Broomfield Writers Collective. If you love to write and want to improve your skills, the Broomfield Writers Collective is designed for you! Members meet monthly to respond to writing prompts, share their work, and talk about their projects. The writers – from beginners to published authors -- meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room (202) at 6:30pm, and you're invited to participate! If you would like to receive monthly reminders and suggested writing prompt assignments, contact Alan at alantcarpenter@comcast.net. All writers are welcome!

***The Chosen* Bible Study.** *The Chosen* Bible Study returns with a new format! Thomas Cross hosts this group which discusses episodes of *The Chosen.* This year, as we delve into Season 4, we will begin each meeting by watching an episode at 6pm and then discussing it afterwards. If you watch the episode in advance, you can come around 6:45pm for the discussion. Because of the early start time, you are welcome to brown-bag it if you prefer to eat your supper while watching the episode. Meetings are on select Mondays in the Conference Room: September 21, October 5, November 2, and December 7. We will not be using a study guide this year, but you can order one online if you find it helpful. All youth and adults are welcome! For more details or to register, contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org.

Creation Care Team. Over the past few years, under the leadership of Cody Schulte, our Creation Care Team has worked through the Board of Trustees, overseeing our Renewing America's Nonprofits grant application for energy efficiency improvements and our expanded solar power project, which is part of the Capital Campaign. Our small team has done great work with big successes, but now it is time to expand. There is so much more we can do together, so our Creation Care Team is now recruiting new members to broaden our efforts. Additional projects could include converting some of our landscaping to native grasses and flowers, reducing waste in the church through increased use of water bottles and washable dishes, exploring composting, supporting community recycling efforts, advocating for responsible energy policies at various levels of government, and sponsoring keynote speeches on a variety of issues related to climate, the environment, and best practices we can use. This expanded team can also relate to the Mountain Sky Conference Creation Justice Team. If you would like to be a part of this expanding team, please contact Betty Nguyen at betty.nguyen@broomfieldumc.org. She will bring the group together this fall.

Days for Girls. The Days for Girls Group meets each second Wednesday from 2-4pm in Room 201. We make washable, reusable feminine hygiene kits for women and girls in developing countries. Each kit contains 2 pairs of panties, 2 shields with a moisture barrier, 8 flannel liners (pads), a small bar of soap, a washcloth and an instruction sheet, all packed into a cloth drawstring bag. At our meetings, we do activities such as pack the components into the bags, trace and cut moisture barrier for shields, and prepack shields with liners. All sewing is done at home between meetings. Anyone who wishes to improve the lives of women and girls is welcome to join our group; an ability to sew is not required. We usually make about 250 kits each year. Most of these kits have been sent to women and girls in Sierra Leone. We also have "homework" for those who are unable to come to meetings. In addition to sewing bags, shields and liners, these activities include cutting shields and pockets, as well as attaching snaps to the shields. No sewing experience is necessary, so for more information or to register, please contact Lauri Kiel at lkiel99@gmail.com.

Dessert Fellowship for New Partners. If you're a new guest or partner at Broomfield UMC, you may be wondering how to get more involved. Broomfield UMC has many Small Groups, internal and outreach ministries, leadership teams, and creative ways to use your talents and spiritual gifts. The informal Dessert Fellowship for New Partners is a way for you to share your background and interests while getting better acquainted with staff members and ministry and group leaders. Join us on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious selection of desserts and the opportunity to build relationships and find out ways you can get involved! Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org if you'd like to attend!

Faith Links. At Faith Links, we stretch our spiritual growth by holding one another accountable to shine God's light through our words and actions. Together, we serve those in need and strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. If you're looking for a group that connects faith to daily life and society, Faith Links is for you. The group's current study is Matt Rawle's fascinating book and video series, *Hollywood Jesus,* which explores portrayals of Jesus and religious themes in movies and pop culture. The people of Faith Links invite you to join them for this and future studies on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 204 (please note that the group will not meet on August 23.) For more information or to register, contact Harvey Burns at harvcburns@gmail.com, or drop in any Sunday! You're always welcome!

Family Night. All families with children are invited to come enjoy Taco Tuesday themed dinners every second and fourth Tuesday night in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:30pm. After dinner, childcare is provided for the kids while adults have time to connect and discuss the previous Sunday's sermon. The goal of this group is to create a place of support, socialization, and fun for the whole family. This is a potluck-style meal (with families taking turns bringing different food items) and there is a suggested $5 donation per family to help pay for childcare. We hope your family can make it! Please contact Amy at amygfoster@gmail.com if you plan to participate and let her know the number and ages of your children. Families, we want you here!

Friday Friends. Friday Friends is a women's Small Group that meets weekly on Fridays, 9:30 – 11:30am, for Bible study, fellowship, and to share our lives with each other. We will begin our fall study on September 11 in Room 201. Our first study will be a five-week series on Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, led by Connie Davis. Contact Sue West at 559-760-7239 if you have any questions or would like to participate. All women are welcome!

God's Men: *Genesis.* Full of treasures, the Book of Genesis contains the formative stories of Jewish and Christian traditions. Genesis will be the focus of the first fall study of God's Men, using the brand-new book by Jewish scholar, AJ Levine. *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning* invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination. Amy-Jill Levine presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. These familiar stories are often heard in fragments; here, they are explored with care, curiosity, and theological insight.

God's Men, who meet on Wednesdays at 9am in Room 201, will start this new study in September, and they invite all interested men to join them. The book is available for $18. This long-running group meets over coffee and a light breakfast, with members taking turns bringing treats. Men, if you're looking for a weekday-morning Bible study, join God's Men! If you'd like to participate, contact Harvey Burns at harvcburns@gmail.com or 303-594-9618.

Life in Progress. Life in Progress is a group for adults navigating life, faith, and community together. While many of us began this journey in our 20s and 30s, we've grown – and so has our group! Whether you're starting a new career, building relationships, raising a family, or simply looking for connection, you're welcome here. We meet weekly on Sundays at 10:15am during Community Time in Room 101 (downstairs) for meaningful conversation and mutual encouragement. We also gather occasionally outside of Sunday mornings – whether that's hiking, attending local events, enjoying good food, or playing pickleball! Interested in joining or learning more? Reach out to Emily Tooker at etooker23@gmail.com to get connected and get added to our WhatsApp Group Chat!

Misunderstood God Group: *The Expectation Gap.* The Misunderstood God Group begins a new study on September 15, meeting on first and third Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Our fall focus is the new book by Steve Cuss of Discovery Church, *The Expectation Gap*. This book draws upon the insights of Family Systems Theory to show how our expectations and ingrained ways of thinking can interfere with how we relate to God, Scripture, and ourselves. Filled with many personal examples, Rev. Cuss offers the opportunity to gain new, healthier perspectives as we reflect upon our own experiences and patterns. As a part of our study, we will work to arrange a visit with Steve, since he is local. The book is available for $11 on the literature rack in the Sanctuary Lobby, and the Misunderstood God Group is open to all adults who enjoy tackling deep questions and issues in the context of supportive community. If you would like to participate, contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org or 720-880-5221! All adults are welcome to join the conversation!

Monday Night Men's Group: *Life in the Spirit*. The Monday Night Men's Group will be reading and discussing two short books exploring the theme of life in the Spirit. From a Trinitarian perspective, who is the Holy Spirit? More importantly, what does it mean to live life in partnership with the Spirit? *The Holy Spirit,* by Stanley Haueraus and Will Willimon, gives an overview of who the Spirit is, while *The Cycle of Victorious Living,* by Scott Daniels, shows us how to commit, trust, and delight ourselves in the Lord, using the message of Psalm 37 as guide. As we turn our lives over to Christ and trust in God's guidance and care, we can thrive and cooperate with the Spirit in life-transforming ways. Both books are available on the Sanctuary Lobby book rack: *The Holy Spirit* for $10 and *The Cycle of Victorious Living* for $8. We will alternate readings between the books and look for practical applications to our lives.

Men, if you're looking for a group with warm fellowship, practical theological discussions, and a little humor, we invite you to join the Monday Night Men! To participate, contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org on 720-880-5221. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30pm in Room 204 and the fall study begins on September 28.

***New!* Moving Movies – Fall Edition.** Movies and Documentaries have a way of engaging our heart, mind, and senses. Moving Movies will be an opportunity for us to gather and watch a movie or documentary together, followed by a brief conversation to reflect and respond. Most of the films will touch on history, the experience of historically/currently marginalized people, and social concerns that require the attention of people of faith. The use of the word "moving" can be understood in two ways: "moving," as in touching or having an emotional impact; and "moving," as is inviting and convicting us to respond in some capacity with action. Join Pastor Betty as we gather on second Sundays from 5 to 7pm. Here are the fall selections:

- September 13 – *Till*
- October 11 – *Indian Horse*
- November 8 – *Jesus was a Migrant*

A light dinner will be served and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP with Pastor Betty at betty.nguyen@broomfieldumc.org and indicate if you need childcare.

***New!* The New Testament World: A 6-Week Adult Bible Study.** Have you ever wondered what life was really like when Jesus walked the earth? Join us for The New Testament World, a six-week journey into the cultural, historical, religious, and political world of Jesus and the early Church. Discover how Roman rule, Jewish traditions, family life, honor and shame, religious groups, and first-century customs can help us better understand familiar stories and teachings from Scripture. No prior knowledge of the Bible or history is required. Bring your Bible and your curiosity! Explore the world behind the words and see the New Testament with fresh eyes as Dave Lockley returns with this new course in his popular Christian History Series. This group will meet on Sundays at 10:15am in the Conference Room from September 27 through November 1. (An optional book for further reading, *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes*, is available for $15 on the literature rack in the Sanctuary Lobby.) Contact Dave Lockley at david.r.lockley@gmail.com for more information or to join!

Online Bible Study Group. Bob Yudnich hosts a Zoom-only Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7pm for approximately 75 minutes. Typically, this group studies one chapter a week of the Bible. In addition to the Bible Study, members watch YouTube videos on subjects that support the Bible, such as archaeological videos of discoveries of Biblical artifacts like the Dead Sea Scrolls or the Cyrus Cylinder. The group also explores videos that show scientific discoveries that point to the hand of God in creation, as well as videos of Near-Death Experiences (NDE), with interviews of people who died and doctors who brought them back. Other topics include videos featuring Jews living in Israel who have converted from the Jewish to Christian religion and now are Messianic Jews.

If you have a curious mind and love to learn about what God's work in history and the present day, contact Bob Yudnich at ryudnich@yahoo.com to get involved!

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study. Are you ready to go deeper in your Bible study? If you're looking for in-depth Bible study, as well as prayer and fellowship with other men, give the Saturday Men's Bible Study a try! The group meets from 7:00 – 9:30 a.m. every Saturday in Room 201; all men are welcome! Drop in any Saturday or contact Mike Young at 303-909-4934 or mejlyoung@comcast.net for details or to join!

Senior Luncheons. Hey Seniors! Let's gather for two hours of fellowship and socializing! Susan Henderson hosts monthly luncheons with delicious food and plenty of time to visit and make new friends. Senior Luncheons typically meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Fall dates are August 26, September 23, October 28, and December 9. Please RSVP five days in advance to Susan Henderson at ssnhndrsn@aol.com if you can attend; the cost is $5 per person. (If you have special dietary needs, you can bring you own food and the $5 fee is waived.) For our first two programs, meet our new staff members. McKinnley Bartels, our new Director of Family Ministries, will join us on August 26; and Jessica Rooks, our new Lead Pastor will join us September 23. They will introduce themselves, share about their background and vision, and answer your questions, so please join us!

Spiritual Gifts Discovery Seminar. God gives every Christian disciple at least one spiritual gift to use in volunteer service to Christ. Discover your spiritual gifts and different ways you can use them to serve at the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Seminar. Join Thomas Cross on Thursday, November 5 from 1 – 3 pm in the Conference Room for this informative seminar. Please take the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Survey and fill out the green score sheet in advance. At the seminar, we will discuss the meaning of the various spiritual gifts and then talk about ways you can serve. If you would like to bring a brown-bag lunch or snacks, you are welcome to do so. Contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org if you'd like to participate!

Theology on Tap for Men. Men, if you enjoy making new friends and exploring theological questions in a casual setting, join us for Theology on Tap! TOT meets at various brewpubs in the area for fellowship and conversation, and all men are welcome! Upcoming meetings are set for Tuesdays, September 22 and October 27, and Monday, December 21. To join the fun and receive regular meeting updates, contact Thomas at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org,

Theology on Tap Plus. Theology on Tap Plus has returned! Theology on Tap Plus is for ALL adults who want to talk theology and build community in an informal setting. This is a group for anyone interested in having a beer with other spiritually curious, theologically open-minded, and welcoming people. Fall meetings will be on select Tuesdays at 6pm at Satire Brewing Company, which has a private room and a wide menu of food, beers, and other beverages. It's located at 12136 Grant Circle in Thornton, just east of I-25 and north of 120th Ave. Couples are welcome to attend together.

We embrace deeper conversations about God and life while supporting local businesses. If you have a question, you can bring it to the group. In addition, Thomas has readings and essays to share on a wide range of theological topics to get discussions started. Fall dates are September 1, October 13, and November 8. Contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org for email updates!

Tuesday Good News Group: *The Scandal of the Kingdom*. The Tuesday Good News Group will explore the parables of Jesus in our fall study, using the new book, *The Scandal of the Kingdom* by Dallas Willard, as our guide. Drawing from his extensive teachings on spiritual formation, Dr. Willard illuminates the timeless wisdom contained within each parable, revealing their profound relevance to contemporary life. With clarity and depth, he guides readers through the subversive messages embedded within these seemingly simple stories, urging us to break free from the grip of worldly values and embrace the radical teachings of Jesus. Willard challenges readers to move beyond passive acceptance of comfortable dogmas and instead to actively engage with the values of the kingdom of God. He reminds us that the kingdom is not some distant future destination but a present reality, beckoning us, as the parables of Jesus did, to live with a new purpose and intentionality in the here and now. This in-depth study covers all the major parables, and the Tuesday Good News Group invites you to participate! The book is available for $15 on the literature rack in the Sanctuary Lobby. Join us Tuesdays at 2pm in the Conference Room, September 8 through December 15. Please bring your Bible as well as the book. To register, contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org or 720-880-5221.

Tuesday Morning Glories. The Tuesday Morning Glories Women's Bible Study will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John, using the participant study guide by N.T. Wright. The group meets Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11am, in Room 201. The study will run from September 15 through November 17. Wright describes his approach to John as an exploration of a "new creation" and a "second Genesis," viewing the text as a deliberate echo of Genesis 1. Jesus' ministry and resurrection inaugurate God's new temple – the body of Christ – and new world. John's Gospel is one of the great books in world literature, and part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to those with high-flown learning, but to those who come to it with humility and hope. The study guide is available for $8. Please contact Elaine Batten at 303-641-7011 for more information or to register and obtain a study guide. All women are welcome!

United Women in Faith. The Broomfield United Women in Faith (UWFaith) sponsor four different Circles which function as Small Groups devoted to fellowship, learning and service. The UWFaith is a women's ministry whose purpose is to support ministries locally and globally, to offer fellowship, and to be centered in relationship with God through Jesus Christ. All women are welcome to attend and learn more about how to get involved! The United Women in Faith sponsor several general events throughout the year which are open to all women.

If you want to learn more about UWFaith and receive updates for upcoming events, contact Carolyn at cbalmer48@comcast.net. Here are the UWFaith Circles you can join, all of which are restarting in September:

- **Carrie Rachel Circle** meets on the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30-8pm in Room 201. This circle meets for fellowship, project work, and program. Our project is preparing fleece blankets for local charities such as A Precious Child and Hope House (to name a couple). Contact Myrna Prentice at Myrna Prentice at myrnaprentice@mac.com for more information or to get involved!
- **Mary Martha Circle** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:15-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. A different mission project is chosen for each month, including making Easter baskets for Broomfield FISH and gift bags for Project Valentine, among others. Contact Lora Fulton at fultonhaus@gmail.com for more information or to get involved!
- **Lydia Circle** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:30-5:30pm in Room 202 (Conference Room). Members work on various mission projects, including supporting Children's Ministries and Hope House. We have a time for conversation beginning at 3:30pm and start with mission projects at 4pm. Contact Lauri Kiel at lkiel99@gmail.com for more information or to register!
- **Viola Lois Circle** meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 8:15 - 9:30am in Room 202 (Conference Room). Besides their book or Bible study, this group also does projects for various organizations, including Hope House and the local chapter of TTT. Contact Jan Dillie at dillie69@msn.com to join!

Women's Connection. Women's Connection begins a new season of classes for a wide variety of arts, crafts, and cooking activities on September 18, 9 – 11:30am. Registration begins at 9am on September 11 in the Family Life Center, so all women are invited to come and check out all the interesting class offerings for fall! Women's Connection also has Zoom groups that play cards and games. If you have questions or need more info, contact womens.connection.80020@gmail.com.

Yoga Class. This is an all-level contemplative Yoga class that incorporates physical movement, breathing, and meditations from the Scripture in a warm and supportive atmosphere. Sessions are on Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30pm, in the Family Life Center. The suggested donation is $10 per session. People of all ability levels are welcome to participate. Drop-ins are also welcome. To receive all the details, please contact Amy Foster at amygfoster@gmail.com.

Young Adults. Young adults in their 20's in the Broomfield UMC family are starting discussions to form a group to make friends, enjoy fun activities and outings, and learn and serve together. If you'd like to be part of the conversation, Sophia Montoya would like to know! Her goal is to form a team to get together, start making plans, and form a new Young Adults Group. If you're interested in participating, contact Sophia by email at sim112803@gmail.com or by text at 720-919-1930. All people in their 20's are welcome!